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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed July 13, 2006 rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as

being anticipated by Grossman et al. (hereinafter Grossman) (U.S. PG Pub No. 2004/0119760).

Claims 1, 10 and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added. The Applicants

respectfully disagree and present the following for consideration.

Claim Rejections

Claims 10-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory

subject matter. In response, the Applicants have amended Claim 10 to recite "computer-readable

storage medium."

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Grossman et al.

(hereinafter Grossman) (U.S. PG Pub No. 2004/0119760).

With respect to Claim 1, the Office Action recites that Grossman discloses "searching

information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the

search input, wherein the information that may be searched includes any information contained

within the contact" as in particular, the search pane 440 may be used to enter a key term that may

comprise part of a name, an address, or an attribute that can be used to search for desired contact

information. For example, by typing the name "Jane," one or more of the contact information

directories is searched for contact information corresponding with the name "Jane." As shown in

the present embodiment, various Jane contacts from the My Contacts directory and the XYZ

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Corporation directory are displayed (Grossman Paragraph 0054 & Figure 4)." The Applicants

have amended the Independent Claims to further the prosecution of this matter.

As amended, Claim 1 recites "obtaining a search input from an input field to locate a

contact; wherein the search input is a single character;" and "monitoring the input field to

determine when a new search input is entered and automatically updating the contacts in

response to the new search input."

In contrast, Grossman discloses entering a key term within a search pane and then

selecting a button (See Figure 4) to filter the results. This is different from "monitoring the input

field to determine when a new search input is entered and automatically updating the contacts in

response to the new search input." In Claim 1, the input field is monitored and the contacts are

automatically updated without requiring a user to select a filter button. As discussed above,

Grossman requires a user to start the search of the contacts. Therefore, the Applicants submit

that Claim 1 is allowable over the cited reference.

Independent Claim 10 has been similarly amended and is proposed to be allowable for at

least the same reasons as presented above with regard to Claim 1.

Independent Claim 18 has been similarly amended and recites in part "monitoring the

input device to determine when a new search input is entered and automatically updating the

display of the unified contacts in response to the new search input." As discussed above,

Grossman does not disclose monitoring the input device and automatically updating the display

in response to a new search input without first requiring the user to select a button to search.
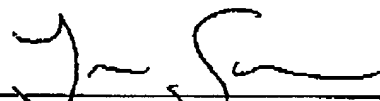

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be

allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is

respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application,

the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone

number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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